

# City of Scottsdale Human Services Commission Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Vista del Camino Community Center, Yaqui Room 7700 E. Roosevelt St. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

#### **SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Katherine Weaver, Chair

Steven Rosenberg, Vice Chair (arrived at 5:36)

Raoul Zubia, Commissioner Judy Keane, Commissioner Dustin Thomas, Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Enid Seiden, Commissioner

Donald Nordlund, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bill Murphy, Community Services Executive Director

Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Manager; Paiute (arrived at 6:23)

Kathy Breen, Human Services Manager; Vista del Camino

Angela Bravo-Gallagher, Vista del Camino Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Vista del Camino Cindy Ensign, Planner and Budget Specialist

Lily Williams, Vista del Camino

**GUESTS:** Brande Mead, Maricopa Association of Governments

Natalie Summit, Scottsdale Police Department, Crisis Intervention Specialist

Dr. Bruce Johnson, Scottsdale Interfaith Network

## Call to Order

Chair Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

## Roll Call

Commission members present as noted above.

#### 1. Approval of the October 27, 2011 Minutes - Regular Meeting

CHAIR WEAVER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 27, 2011 HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZUBIA, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). VICE CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG WAS NOT YET PRESENT AND COMMISSIONERS NORDLUND AND SEIDEN WERE ABSENT.

# 2. <u>Maricopa Association of Governments Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness Update</u>

Ms. Brande Mead, Maricopa Association of Governments Program Manager, provided an overview of the history of the Continuum of Care program which has been in operation since 1999, and an update on the current functions, meetings, and projects of the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness. She reviewed homelessness statistics including plans for a street count in January and a transitional and emergency shelter housing inventory and discussed the regional plan to end homelessness, regional heat relief efforts, and statistics from the Department of Education. Through partnership with the Valley of the Sun United Way Campaign, 1,000 permanent housing units are expected to be achieved by 2016. She encouraged Commission members to attend the Continuum of Care meetings.

Commission members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

## 3. Overview and discussion of Adults in Crisis and Homeless Target Population

Ms. Kathy Breen, Human Services Manager, Vista del Camino, presented statistics relating to poverty guidelines in Scottsdale and Arizona. Statistics are showing more people experiencing crisis due to the economy, and that the length of time for unemployment has doubled in the last three years. Scottsdale is undergoing an analysis of the 2010 Census data, which came lower than was estimated in July.

Ms. Angela Bravo-Gallagher, Vista del Camino staff member, reviewed statistics being seen in the typical client base at Vista del Camino, changes in housing trends, 2010 MAG homeless statistics, and domestic violence statistics.

Ms. Breen noted that the Community Action Program receives funding from Maricopa County as a result of being the Scottsdale region representative. Services and programs are dependent on a network of services.

Mr. Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Vista del Camino staff member, talked about working directly with individuals and the contract with Concerned Citizens for Community Health, which requires adherence to the Federal poverty guidelines. The Concerned Citizens for Community Health allow flexibility to provide help to those individuals who do not fit within the guidelines.

Ms. Natalie Summit, Crisis Intervention Specialist, Scottsdale Police Department, gave a presentation including an overview of the Police Crisis Intervention Service (PCIS) and its relationship with Vista del Camino. She gave examples of instances of crisis

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situations and resources available and steps taken to address those situations. She talked about mental health petitions, emergent and non-emergent; the Family Advocacy Center, which is a one-stop service; the first responder smart card; the Canine Crisis Response team; trends seen at the police crisis level; challenges created by program budget cuts; and unmet needs.

Ms. Bravo-Gallagher talked about current trends being seen at Vista del Camino.

Mr. Munoz-Villafane talked about future trends and families who are exhausting public benefits and family resources, which will put them at risk of becoming homeless. He reviewed the unmet needs of the program at Vista del Camino.

Ms. Cindy Ensign distributed and reviewed the most recent results of the homeless street counts.

Commission Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

## 4. Scottsdale Interfaith Network/New Faces Partnership Update

Dr. Bruce Johnson, president of the Scottsdale Interfaith Network and Pastor at Scottsdale Presbyterian Church, discussed his involvement with the Scottsdale Interfaith Network, new partnerships between the Concerned Citizens for Community Health, the City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale Healthcare, First Things First and the Interfaith Network. He mentioned upcoming events and Community Navigators training schedules.

## 5. Overview of Vista del Camino Programs/Facility Tour

Lily Williams, Vista del Camino, back to school coordinator, talked about Scottsdale's holiday programs and the increased need for donors.

Commission Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

## 6. Staff and Commission Updates

Ms. Breen distributed staff updates for the Commission to review at their leisure.

# 7. Open call to the Public

No members of the public wished to speak.

#### 8. Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.